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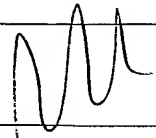
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## Office Action Summary

**Application No.**

10/008,326

**Applicant(s)**BUTZ ET AL. **Examiner**

David J. Walczak

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 June 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 6/10/04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Priority*

Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority based on an application filed in Germany on 11/7/01. It is noted, however, that (as of the date of this letter) the applicant has still not filed a certified copy of the German application as required by 35 U.S.C. 119(b).

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by English reference 890,683 (hereinafter '683, as cited by the Applicant). In regard to claim 1, '683 discloses a device for dispensing coatable material comprised of a sleeve-shaped receiving element 1, having a sleeve base 2, 8, an internally threaded piston shaped element 12 and a rotary grip 5 having a threaded spindle 10 which projects through a passage opening in the sleeve base wherein the sleeve base projects inwardly through the passage opening and into the receiving element and is formed complementary to the underside of the piston shaped element and wherein the piston shape element contacts the sleeve base when adjacent thereto (see Figure 3). In regard to claim 2, the piston shaped element includes a cylindrical outer wall 12a and

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an inner wall that forms a conical shape on the underside thereof which is complementary to the inwardly projecting sleeve base.

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yorks (as previously cited by the Examiner). Yorks discloses a device for dispensing coatable material comprised of a sleeve-shaped receiving element 12 having a sleeve base 16, an internally threaded piston shaped element 30 and a rotary grip 21 having a threaded spindle 22 which projects through a passage opening in the sleeve base wherein a region 24 of the rotary grip projects inwardly through the passage and into the receiving element and is formed complementary to the underside of the piston shaped element wherein the region is conically shaped between the spindle 22 and a detent bead of the rotary grip (the detent bead being the portion element 24 which contacts spring fingers 26 when assembled) wherein the bead bears in a detenting manner with the sleeve base (fingers 26 are part of the sleeve base).

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 3 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over '683 in view of German reference 21 39 123 (hereinafter '123, as previously cited by Applicant). Although the '683 reference does not disclose a ventilation bore in the piston shaped element, attention is directed to the '123 reference, which discloses

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another dispensing device wherein such a bore 7 is formed in the piston in order to enable the device to be vented during filling. Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include such a bore into the piston in the '683 device in order to enable the piston to be vented.

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David J. Walczak whose telephone number is 703-308-0608. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs, 6:30- 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Greg L. Huson can be reached on 703-308-2580. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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